

RADIATION THERAPISTS provide radiation therapy to cancer patients as prescribed by a radiologist according to established practices and standards. Duties may include reviewing prescription and diagnosis, acting as liaison with physician and supportive care personnel, preparing equipment such as immobilization, treatment, and protection devices, and maintaining records, reports, and files. May assist in dosimetry procedures and tumor localization.

Requirements

- ▲ Completion of State-approved radiation therapy training program and passage of a written examination.
- ▲ Licensed by the State Department of Health Services.
- ▲ Strong background in the math and the physical and biological sciences.
- ▲ Computer technology skills.
- ▲ Ability to communicate effectively with medical therapy team and patients.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance may be required by employer.

Wages

- ▲ Radiation Therapists
Median hourly wage: \$37.01
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$75,537

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

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Job Outlook

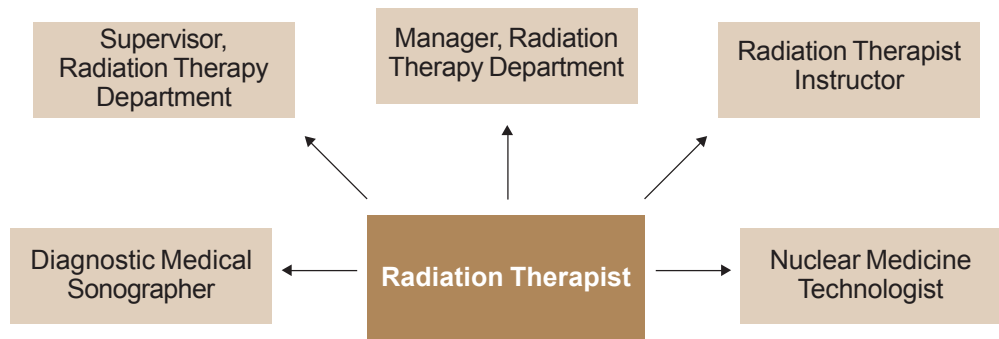
- ▲ Estimated number of Radiation Therapists in 2005: 750

Source: OES Employment & Wages by Occupation, EDD/LMID. Projections information is not available for this occupation.

Sources of Information

- ▲ Department of Health Services, Radiologic Health Branch
(916) 327-5106
www.dhs.ca.gov/rhb
- ▲ Radiological Society of North America
(800) 381-6660
www.rsna.org
- ▲ *California Occupational Guide*, No.535
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Possible Career Paths



The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.